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ISLAMABAD, NEW DELHI AND TEHRAN: ALSO FOR USDAO'S

SITREP 23

E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MILITARY CONFLICT IN KABUL

1. AS OF 1600 HOURS, KABUL HAS ALMOST RETURNED TO NORMAL. MUCH OF THE HEAVY MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN EVACUATED, SOME STREETS HAVE BEEN REPAIRED, AND, IN MANY WAYS, LIFE HAS BECOME VIRTUALLY ROUTINE. COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS ARE ARRIVING AND DEPARTING, AND A CONVOY OF U.S. CITIZENS CROSSED THE BORDER INTO PAKISTAN EARLIER TODAY.

2. RADIO AFGHANISTAN ANNOUNCED THE EVENING OF MAY 2,
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THAT THE REGIME HAD NATIONALIZED ALL THE PROPERTY OF THE FAMILIES WHO ARE DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE KING NADER SHAH LINE OF THE MOHAMMADZAIS. THIS INCLUDES THE FAMILIES OF DAOUD AND NAIM, THE DESCENDANTS OF SHAH WALI (INCLUDING ABDUL WALI IN EXILE IN ROME), AND THE GHAZI FAMILY. THESE FAMILIES CONSTITUTE THE BULK OF THE LINEAGE OF THE "MUSAHIBAN BROTHERS"

WHO (IN THE PERSON OF NADER) ASCENDED TO THE THRONE IN 1929, AND WHO HAVE BEEN A PARTICULAR PROPAGANDA TARGET OF THIS REGIME SINCE THE COUP LAST WEEK. WHETHER OR NOT FURTHER NATIONALIZATION OF MOHAMMAD-ZAI PROPERTY WILL OCCUR REMAINS TO BE SEEN, BUT THIS ANNOUNCEMENT COULD CONCEIVABLY MEAN THAT TARAKI'S WRATH IS ONLY AIMED AT THE NADER FAMILY LINE. THE NATIONALIZATION ANNOUNCEMENT INCLUDED AN ASSURANCE THAT THE PRIVATE PROPERTY OF OTHER AFGHANS WOULD BE RESPECTED.

3. IT WAS FURTHER ANNOUNCED THAT THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER EIGHTH GRADE EXAMS, AND THAT ALL STUDENTS MAY NOW PROCEED WITH THEIR EDUCATION THROUGH THE TWELFTH GRADE. THIS STEP ELIMINATES A SIGNIFICANT SOCIAL IRRITANT, BECAUSE, IN THE MINDS OF MANY AFGHANS, THIS EXERCISE FORMERLY REPRESENTED A MEANS BY WHICH THE ELITE MERELY ENSURED THAT THEIR OWN OFFSPRING ADVANCED ACADEMICALLY WHILE THE MAJORITY FELL BY THE WAYSIDE.

4. CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND MONGOLIA HAVE EXTENDED FORMAL REGOCNITION TO THE NEW REGIME.

5. A LATE ANNOUNCEMENT THIS AFTERNOON STATES THAT MUSA SHAFIQ, THE LAST PRIME MINISTER UNDER FORMER KING ZAHIR, HAS BEEN ARRESTED.
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6. AFGHAN CENSORS CLEARING THE OUTGOING TELEX COPY OF WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS ON MAY 2 REMOVED ALL REFERENCE TO THE "PRO-SOVIET" ASPECTS OF THE REVOLUTION AND NEW GOVERNMENT. OTHERWISE, THEY APPEARED FAIRLY RELAXED AT THAT TIME. NEWSMEN WERE DENIED TELEX FACILITIES ON MAY3, HOWEVER.
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